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For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.

A HINT RESPECTING VACCINATION.

A FRIEND of mine lately communicated to me the following hint on vaccination. Like myself, he is not of the medical profession, but living in a populous neighbourhood near London, he practises vaccination among his poor neighbours. Knowing his exertions in this way, I had written to him for some information on the subject. He remarks, "One great point to attend to, is to take care that the matter is never taken later than the 5th or 6th day, that is, while it is perfectly limpid, and I think it may be well to vaccinate the other arm of the patient from the pustule on the first, as soon as matter can be well obtained. If the constitution is affected properly by the first vaccination, that is, if it be not a mere local inflammation, the second pustule will not proceed through the same stages as the first, but after exhibiting a similar appearance for a few days, will die away without forming either a sore, or a large scab, as the true cow pox does. The value of this mode consists in its affording a decisive and actual proof, that the constitution has been affected by the first vaccination, as evinced by the pustule in the second arm exhibiting the appearances I have mentioned, which I and many others have found uniformly to take place when the disorder has been effectually communicated." I hope this hint may not be lost on those, who practise, though they are not of the profession, and that gentlemen of the faculty will not reject it, because it comes from
NON MEDICUS.

To the Proprietors of the Belfast Magazine.

GENTLEMEN,
I OBSERVE your monthly magazine to be the vehicle of many useful communications to the public. I therefore send you the three following queries for insertion, hoping some of your chemical readers will be so kind as to give them the most simple solution.

1st. How bleachers may know if

potash and barilla ash contain fixed air.

2d. How to separate fixed air from the lees of the above ashes.

3d. If the lees from said ashes are not freed from the fixed air they contain, how far using them in that state will retard their operation in the process of bleaching linen with them.

Lambeg.

M.

For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.

IN addition to the interesting life of Dr. Geddes given in No. 17. I request you may communicate the inscription on his monument. The quotation so appropriately taken from his writings marks the man, and affords an instance of his liberality highly worthy of imitation. K.

"Rev. Alexander" Geddes L. L. D.

Translator of the Historical Books of the Old Testament,

Died February 26th 1802,

Aged 65.

"Christian is my name, and Catholic my surname." "I grant that you are a Christian as well as I, and embrace you as my fellow disciple of Jesus; and if you were not a disciple of Jesus, still I would embrace you as my fellow man."

Extracted from his works.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE.

This stone was erected by his friend Lord Petre, 1804.

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On the round Towers of Ireland, dedicated to the Memory of the late antient Tower of Down.

THE first builders of lime and stone in Europe were the Pelasgi, who taught the Greeks this art, and called their structures tursai, from tur, a circular building; whence our word tower.* They built Bethsan or Scythopolis, so called by the Greeks, because built by Scythians,† part of the Pelasgi emigrated to the Grecian islands, built Athens and called it

* Potter. † Phay.